

WOMAN MEETS HER DEATH; SOON HEARD

Killing Occurs at Kelly, N. M., and Body Is Horribly Beaten and Bruised.

SON REFUSES TO DISCUSS CASE

Socorro, N. M., March 23.—Charged with beating and strangling to death his mother, Mrs. H. C. O'Rear, aged 45, Ernest O'Rear, of Kelly, was brought to Socorro by constable Melquiades Sanchez and placed in the county jail to await a preliminary hearing. O'Rear, who is a miner employed at the Kelly mine, maintains silence about the crime, and has not admitted his guilt. Sunday morning the woman was found dead in her little home at Kelly. The body was frightfully disfigured, deep black and blue indentations around the neck indicating she had been strangled, while one hand was mangled, one side was caved in and the body otherwise bruised and battered. Although the room was spattered with blood, the woman was clothed in a spotless night dress, indicating that the murderer had taken off the torn and bloody clothes and substituted the clean linen. The body lay on the bed in an unnatural position, as if it had been thrown there. The son made no resistance when arrested and himself reported that his mother was dead. Friday morning Mrs. O'Rear called the doctor, who found her with a broken nose and a bad bruise on the side. She said she had fallen down stairs, and her injuries were attended to. Saturday night neighbors report that a big rumormongering was in progress. Neighbors say that there has been considerable drinking at the O'Rear home, and various violent outbreaks. Young O'Rear is 24 years old. He is unmarried. The crime has caused considerable excitement at Kelly. A coroner's jury empaneled in Kelly returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to her death as the result of wounds inflicted by her son. The O'Rears formerly resided in Albuquerque.

WARDEN FOR NEW MEXICO PRISON

Sheriff Romero Succeeds the Late J. W. Raynolds.

Santa Fe, N. M., March 23.—Governor Mills today appointed sheriff Cleofes Romero, of San Miguel county, warden of the territorial penitentiary at Santa Fe, to succeed the late James Wallace Raynolds.

There were 11 candidates for the place.

OUT ON BOND.

Charles Clark, arrested Saturday night, on a charge of forgery, preferred by Ike Alderette, has been released on bond signed by Frank Ascarate and C. E. Kelly.

EL PASO STRIKE IS MADE MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE IN THE EL TIGRE MINE

Douglas, Ariz., March 23.—Rich ore has just been struck in the main El Tigre vein on No. 7 level, which fully doubles the value of the property. The news of the big strike came last night. Large improvements are planned. The current market value of the mine has been \$5,000,000 and it will probably go up to \$8,000,000 or \$10,000,000. The Tigre stockholders' meeting was concluded last night and the Kansas City stockholders left today for the mine to inspect it. All of the 715,000 shares of the company, except 4614, were represented at the meeting. Judge D. J. Hoff was chairman and W. A. Moses secretary of the meeting. Twenty-two men were voted on for directors. The 12 receiving the highest number of votes and who will compose the next board are as follows: E. C. Sooy, J. D. Seitz, Jno. Kelley, E. D. Fisher, H. Vandervelde, W. A. Moses, C. E. Grimes, O. V. Dodge, H. H. Evans, H. A. Seitz, A. C. Stewart, D. J. Hoff and J. Dean.

The majority of this director is opposed to the present administration's policy, although the present president, E. C. Sooy, will probably be re-elected president by the new directors at their first meeting, to be held in Kansas City at month.

JURYMAN CUTS OWN THROAT

Silver City, N. M., March 23.—Allen Moore, a resident of Pinos Altos, serving as a jurymen here, committed suicide yesterday in an outhouse, cutting his throat from ear to ear with a pocket knife.

He was dead when found. It is impossible to give the cause for the deed. He was about 40 years of age.

GEN. BELL INJURED; AUTO OF ARMY CHIEF WRECKED MRS. SLOCUM KILLED

Washington, D. C., March 23.—Major Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the army, was severely injured and Mrs. Herbert J. Slocum, wife of Maj. Slocum, of the Seventh cavalry, almost instantly killed, early today in a collision of their automobile with a trolley car on the Tenth street road northwest of the outskirts of the city.

Gen. Bell suffered a broken rib, a bad scalp wound and severe bruises. Mrs. Slocum was visiting her sister, Mrs. H. L. Green, in this city, and yesterday went to Fort Myer to visit Gen. and Mrs. Bell, with whom she and her husband were on terms of most intimate friendship.

It was on the way back to the city that the accident occurred. The fast moving trolley completely demolished the automobile. Mrs. Slocum was thrown out and struck on her head. She was placed on board the trolley and taken to a hospital but was dead before reaching there.

Gen. Bell was hurried to the hospital at Fort Myer. After his injuries were dressed, he was taken home.

DEMOCRAT IS VICTOR IN ELECTION

Former Republican Stronghold in Massachusetts Sends Democrat to House.

CHAMP CLARK SAYS: "SIGN OF THE TIMES"

Washington, D. C., March 23.—The Massachusetts congressional election yesterday was generally discussed around the capitol today. The very fact that the election went Democratic was enough to cause general discussion, but when the overwhelming Republican figures that had to be overcome are recalled, it is all the more remarkable. The election was in the Old Colony section, one of the Republican strongholds of the state, and it placed Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, one of the country's leading exponents of reciprocity with Canada, in the congressional seat of the late William C. Levering.

Mr. Foss accomplished what is regarded as almost a political miracle, turning a Republican plurality of 14,250 into a Democratic victory of 5846.

The vote was: Eugene N. Foss, of Boston, Democrat, 14,980; W. R. Buchanan, of Brockton, Republican, 13,434. It was the most overwhelming defeat Republicans have met in Massachusetts since governor Bates was overthrown by William L. Douglas six years ago.

Champ Clark Ticked. Champ Clark, Democratic leader, said: "The news was the most pleasing and the most important since 1892. It demonstrates that the same causes are working to the same effect all over the United States. Taken in connection with the election in De Armond's district in Missouri last winter, the inference is that the popular rebellion against the Republican party is growing in volume and intensity."

Many Republicans contended that the result had no significance, having been determined by local conditions.

Representative Payne would not discuss the election. Representative Poelker, of New York, who has intermittently voted with the insurgents said: "There is no use trying to argue that this election has no bearing on the coming congressional election. It proves very conclusively to me that the Democrats will carry the house."

BANK CLOSED; MAY TEST NEW TEXAS LAW

Dallas, Texas, March 23.—The state bank at Dekalb in Red River county was closed today by state bank examiner Hulsey as a result of an investigation at Austin. It is reported that the closing of the institution will test the state's banking law.

The Dekalb bank has no deposits.

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KENO PLAYERS ENDANGER CREDIT

Business Men of the City Preparing a List of Those Who Are Gambling.

MAY FIND IT VERY HARD TO RUN BILLS

The credit man will get you if you don't quit keno.

The Business Men's Credit association is obtaining all the information possible about the keno players and their standing in the credit records of the association. This information is to be furnished the business men as a part of the protective association's work.

A new credit book is to be issued on April 1, which will contain the ratings of 15,000 persons and will be the result of the latest rating estimates prepared by the association.

J. G. Ingels, business agent of the Protective association, will go to Houston in June to attend a meeting of the state credit associations.

UNIVERSITY MAY NOT BE REBUILT

Institution Burned at Waco; Seat May Be Transferred to Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Texas, March 23.—The proposition to remove the Texas Christian university from Waco to Fort Worth was considered this morning by the board of trustees of that institution, according to advices received here.

It is believed the trustees will favor the move, following the burning of the university's main building at a loss of \$150,000 last night.

Rev. C. W. McPherson, endowment secretary of the university, left for Waco this morning.

The proposition was offered a year ago, but not seriously considered, since the buildings were already located at Waco.

May Rebuild at Waco.

Waco, Texas, March 23.—A meeting was held at the Texas Christian university today by the faculty, students and business men, and it was arranged to carry on the studies, despite the burning of the main building. Trustees and citizens are conferring on a proposition to rebuild.

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He also announced that since his arrival in El Paso, a week ago, he has again inspected the property of the water company and reviewed the inventory compiled by receiver Wyatt, and that he judges the value of the property at \$1,114,066, with a depreciation of 8.7 percent, amounting to \$96,922, netting \$1,017,124. To this he added a going value of \$152,568, giving a gross value of the structure property at \$1,169,692.

The present value of the water company property, according to the appraisal of receiver Wyatt and superintendent Anderson is \$1,092,655.

The original cost of the waterworks property, Mr. Kierstedt also stated, at the end of the fiscal year on Feb. 28, 1910, is \$1,171,235. The original cost as determined by receiver Wyatt and superintendent Anderson is \$1,061,961.98, making the estimate of original cost arrived at by Mr. Kierstedt greater by \$169,734.12.

Air Lifting.

"The possibility of supplying a city of 140,000 inhabitants with water from troughs by air lifting apparatus is practicable, providing the water is there," Mr. Kierstedt also stated this morning, but he advised that it was not a safe proposition to endeavor to pump more than 500 gallons of water per minute from any well. The danger, he said, in the possibility of undermining the well.

The boilers at the mesa plant, in use at present, are modern, but the pumps, he stated, are not suited to conditions here on account of the great quantities of sand encountered. The balance of the equipment, he said, is suited for the work for which it is intended.

The operating expenses of the water company, per million gallons of water supplied to the consumer, was stated by Mr. Kierstedt to be \$96.89. This is high, he said, but not out of proportion to prices as existing in El Paso.

Anderson Cross Examined.

A lengthy cross examination of superintendent Anderson, of the water company, was conducted by city attorney W. M. Coldwell Tuesday afternoon, following the direct examination by attorney W. H. Burges, representing the stockholders.

The replies sought by the city attorney were that the water company had fulfilled its contract with the city. This is admitted by the water company's attorney, but it did not deter Judge Coldwell from asking numerous questions and ascertaining a number of facts as to management of the corporation.

Hypothetical questions, almost numberless, were asked, the examination lasting almost three hours.

Value of Plant: Taxation Value.

In view of the fact that the inventory of the water company property is placed at \$1,091,961.98, attorney G. E. Wallace, representing the intervenors in the case, interposed a question and asked on what score the water company's property is listed for city taxation at only \$242,000.

Mr. Anderson replied that the company had failed to list its property for taxation and that the assessment was returned by the city assessor.

Considerable testimony was also secured as to the sale of the Watts plant to the International Water company.

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For the first time light, the boats put up a good fight, but after that the race was a procession.

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GENERAL STRIKE FIZZLING OUT; STRIKERS RETURNING TO WORK

Philadelphia, Pa., March 23.—The textile workers of Kensington, who together with the members of the allied building trades, formed the backbone of the sympathetic strike, resumed work today. The textile unions represent about 35,000 persons.

The bricklayers decided yesterday to resume work. It is generally agreed among labor leaders and others that the general strike to aid the street car men has not been a success.

Although the settlement of the street car strike is not yet in sight, it is believed a step toward a settlement has been taken by a conference which was held last night between director George Earle, of the Transit company, and all of the principal labor leaders.

BARING GRAFT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Pittsburg Probe Brings to Light Additional Evidence and More Indictments.

MANY PROMINENT MEN ARE CAUGHT

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—A serial story of councilmanic graft, which began with "Capt." Johnny Klein's ill-advised display of six \$5000 bills on the street about two years ago, promises another sensation today in the presentation to the grand jury of Joseph C. Wasson's confession.

Wasson is a former councilman, who a few days ago began an 18 month's sentence for bribe taking and who has decided to tell the district attorney all he knows. This is promised to include some men "higher up."

Installments of this stupendous graft story have been so spasmodic that a synopsis is here presented:

Klein's display of \$30,000 in bills on the street in June, 1908, excited the suspicion of Ernest Frey, a harness dealer. He reported it to the city auditor. The latter told it to mayor Guthrie and he passed it on to the voters' league, to whom the citizens of Pittsburg are indebted for the prosecution set in motion.

Detectives' bribery of councilmen in connection with a fictitious Wood paving plan started the ball rolling. This led into the bank depository controversy and other forms of graft. Results to date are:

In the penitentiary: W. W. Rumsey, former president of the German National bank; William Brand, former president of the common council; Joseph C. Wasson, former councilman; H. L. Bolger.

Under sentence to the penitentiary: Former councilman John F. Klein.

Awaiting sentence: E. H. Jennings, president of the Columbia National bank; F. A. Griffin, cashier.

Under indictment: Forty-one councilmen.

Confessors to bribe sharing: Twenty councilmen, former and present.

The bribes: From \$5000 down to the bargain rate of \$81.10.

Nine more councilmanic grafters confessed the guilt to Judge Frazer today. Those caught in the prosecutor's net from now on, it is said, will be prosecuted. Material is now in the hands of the district attorney to indict many more persons for grafting.

These, it is reported, will include bankers, manufacturers and real estate men.

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